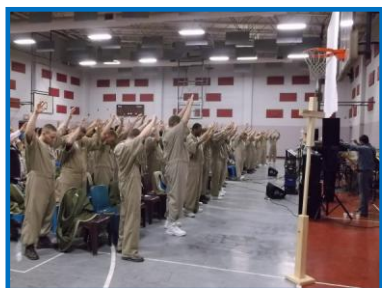




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From Thursday, February 26 thru Saturday, February 28, Branchville Correctional Facility, the state's only faith and character facility, held its second annual winter revival. Much like last year's event, this year's revival was a huge success. Over the three day period, seven services were held with an average attendance of 221 offenders per service. In all, 13 guest speakers participated, seven bands performed, 43 volunteers came to help and serve, and 43 offenders were baptized.

Superintendent Kathy Alvey stated, *"The 2nd Annual Winter Revival was another success. It was great to see BCF staff and volunteers come together and provide such*

services to the offender population. To see the look on the faces of the men who accept a new way of life is breathtaking. At one of the sessions we had 350 offenders in attendance, which is almost 25% of the population. That speaks volumes to the environment we have here at the facility."



On 3.5.15 Divine Hope Seminary had its ribbon-cutting ceremony and graduation of the seminary's first six students. Divine Hope started the Indiana State Prison study center a little over a year ago. At the present time there are twenty-one students enrolled. The graduates completed fifteen courses in order to earn the Certificate in Christian Studies. *"These students will continue their studies over the next three to four years leading to a bachelor degree."* Stated ISP Chaplain Terry Harman

Indiana Pacers player David West spoke to an audience of approximately 40 students at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility.



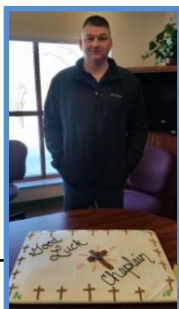
West spoke about engaging in behavior that results in positive outcomes. He challenged the students to make a list of family members and friends that are engaging in behavior with positive outcomes. He explained that people going to school, learning a skill, improving themselves are examples of individuals engaging in positive outcome behavior. He also encouraged the students to develop self-value and learn to control their thinking, because actions come from their thoughts. (photo left)

Extensive on-the-job experience will pay big dividends for staff and the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF), with the addition of new Training Four Officer Elise McDaniel! She's been a familiar face in training this past year as an adjunct instructor. "I'm thrilled to



be moving into the training department full time," McDaniel said, adding, "The best part of

my positions since 2010 as an officer, caseworker and member of emergency response (Emergency Squad, Special Emergency Response Team) has been teaching and training my fellow staff members." Assistant Superintendent/Operations Frank Littlejohn said, *"Elise can back up everything she says and teaches and staff respect her mental and physical toughness."* McDaniel graduated from Indiana State University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. (photo right)



The Rockville Correctional Facility (RCF) held a reception on Friday, February 27, 2015 to honor two veteran staff: Warehouse Supervisor Bill Bettis (far left) and Chaplain Richard Hayes (near left). Mr. Bettis is retiring after 18 years at RCF. He began his career as a Warehouse Foreman at RCF in 1996. He expressed his gratitude to, "a great boss and co-workers" and states he will be busy keeping up with his grandkids' activities. Chaplain Hayes is leaving the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) employment for a job in the private sector. He states, "Out of 19 years, these last three were the best – leaving [RCF] is one of the hardest things I've had to do." Superintendent Julie Stout thanked both Mr. Bettis and Mr. Hayes for their many years of dedicated service to the Indiana Department of Correction, wishing them all the best and noting that they will be greatly

missed. Mr. Bettis also received a plaque honoring his years of service with RCF while Mr. Hayes received a fleece blanket embroidered with the RCF logo. As Assistant Superintendent Ferguson stated, *"So you won't forget us."*